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Mass Schedule

The First Sunday of Advent, December 2nd to December 8th

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| <u>Saturday</u> | 5:00 p.m. | +Marie Grunzwig (Frances Mantler & Family) |
| <u>Sunday</u> St. Martin of Tours | 9:00 a.m. | +Jakob & Fina Rechsteiner & +Otmar & Therese Ruest (Franz & Imelda Ruest) |
| St. Mary Immaculate | 11:00 a.m. | Missa Pro Populo |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | 7:00 p.m. | +Rinalda Re (Pellegrini Family) |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | 8:00 a.m. | For Souls in Purgatory (Kropf Family) |
| <u>Thursday</u> <i>The Consecration of St. Mary Immaculate Church (Solemnity)</i> | 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Eucharistic Expositon & Adoration +Edward Smith (St. Mary's Parish) |
| <u>Friday</u> <i>The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)</i> | 9:00 a.m. | +Walter Borosa (Innocente Family) |

"God walks into your soul with silent step. God comes to you more than you go to Him. Never will his coming be what you expect, and yet never will it disappoint. The more you respond to his gentle pressure, the greater will be your freedom."

– Ven. Fulton Sheen

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Scripture readings selected for the liturgies of this season, the Church places before us three guides who reveal to us the advent (coming) of Christ the Lord.

First, there is Isaiah the Prophet. His book of prophecies has been called "the fifth gospel" because of how accurately he prophesied the Christ who was to come.

Second, there is John the Baptist. His mission as a prophet was to do the immediate preparation for the revelation of the Christ and then point him out when he came.

And finally, there is the Blessed Virgin Mary. She, who was conceived without original sin, lovingly accepted her mission as mother of the Lord. It is through her that we received the Saviour.

This Advent season, I encourage all of you to be attentive to these three guides as they help us be aware of the coming of Christ among us.

In Christ,

Fr. Hayden Starczala, P.P.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE AND CONFESSION TIMES

Parishioners are asked to please see the website for the full Christmas Mass schedule and Confession times www.stmaryimmaculate.com

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

| Nov 25 th & 26 th | St. Mary's | St. Martin's |
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| Offerings | \$ 1,492.00 | to be reported next week |
| Loose | 108.00 | |
| Building | 1,970.00 | |
| Flower Offering | 205.00 | |
| Total: | \$ 3,775.00 | \$ |

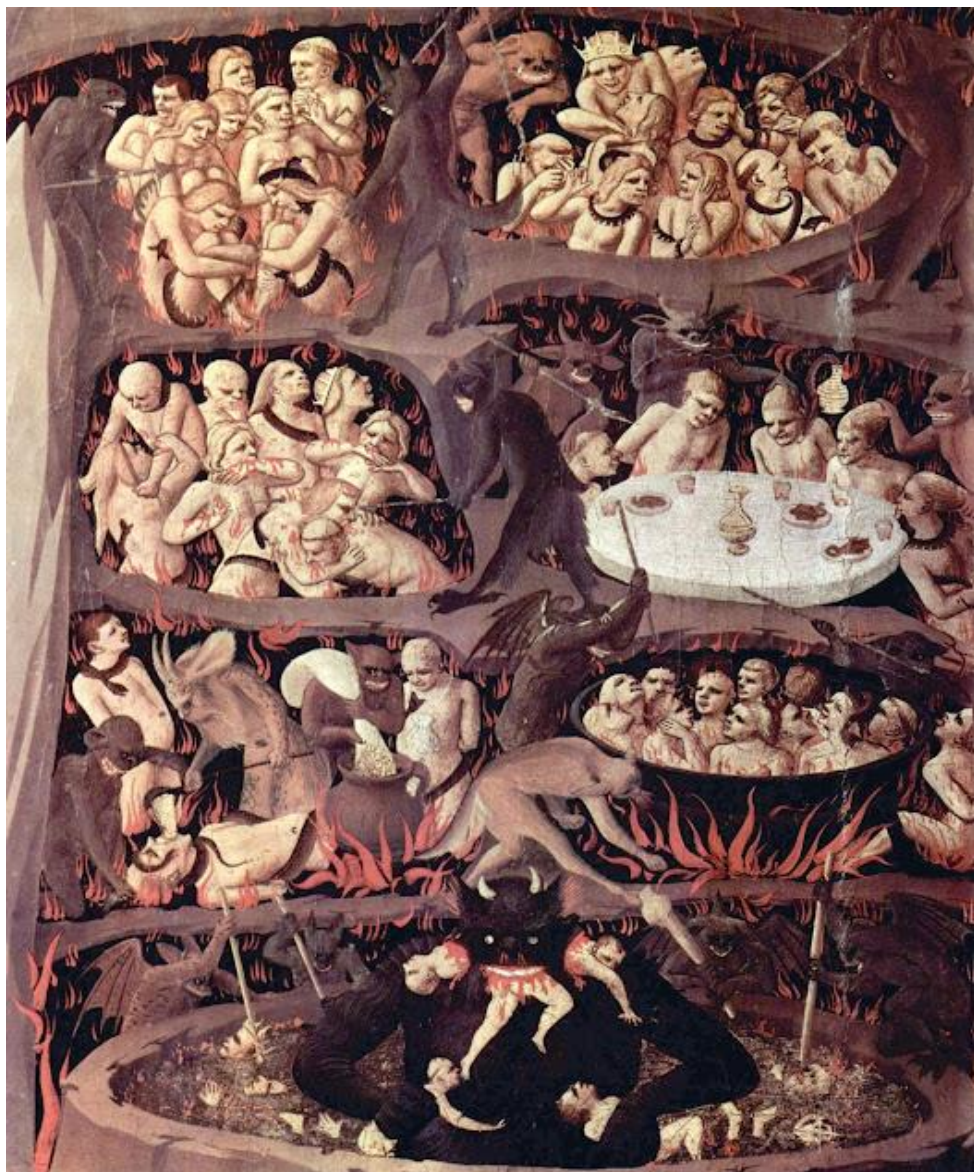
VOCATION SEEDS

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR TEENS

The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to announce the release of the 2023 Advent Resource, "Shine Your Light". It has been developed for youth 13-16. The resource is an interactive journal, inspiring prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospels, in addition to suggestions for living out the Advent Season. Special links and videos are included to help teens meditate on the weekly themes. You are invited to share this resource with the teens of your school communities. The resource is located here : <https://tinyurl.com/2s3h2ejs>



Scenes of the Last Judgement, fra Angelico (1400-1459)

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT WITH AMEN

Sign up to receive an email each day of the Advent and Christmas seasons with three items to help you prepare for the coming of the Lord:

- A daily reflection from St. John Henry Newman taken from *Waiting For Christ*
- A link to the Rosary with a short reflection
- A weekly Lectio Divina passage from scripture

Download the free **Amen** app from your mobile app store or sign up by email at www.augustineinstitute.org under Advent Resources.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The 2024 envelope packets are being prepared and will be available for pickup at the back of church shortly. If you are new to the parish and/or wish to begin donating either manually or by electronic fund transfer, please contact Mary Clark at email: stmelbadmin@wightman.ca

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

In order to receive a tax receipt for 2023 for any donations you wish to make, all money must be received by December 31st, 2023, at the latest. Any concerns contact Mary at stmelbadmin@wightman.ca or 519-993-7915 before December 31st.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| December 2 | Liturgy of the Hours – 4:00 p.m. each Saturday Catechesis/instruction on the Liturgy of the Hours at 3:45 p.m. All are welcome to come participate and learn more about the prayer of the Church. |
| December 5 | CWL Christmas Dinner with St. Joseph's CWL at St. Joseph's, Fergus, begins with Mass at 5:00 p.m. All ladies from Drayton, Elora, Fergus welcome Area merchant gift cards for Wellington Women in Crisis will be gratefully accepted. |
| December 9/10 | CWL donation drive for Guelph - Wellington Women in Crisis @ St. Mary's. See announcement. |

Stay awake
because you do
not know the
hour when the
master is coming

Mark 13:35

